

## Mesa Verde to be christened Saturday

# NGSS receives \$166 million for LPD 22/23

On Saturday, January 15, Dionel M. Aviles, undersecretary of the Navy, will give the principal address at the christening of *Mesa Verde* (LPD 19), the third ship in the *San Antonio* (LPD 17) class of amphibious transport dock ships being built for the Navy/U.S. Marine Corps team by Northrop Grumman.

The ceremony, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., will be held at the Pascagoula shipyard, and will include Native American tradition and symbolism.

The name *Mesa Verde* honors Mesa Verde National Park in southwestern Colorado. The Park was established in 1906 to preserve sites built by Native Americans on mesa tops and in canyon alcoves. Navy Cmdr. Shawn Lobree, a native of Miami, Fla., is *Mesa Verde's* prospective commanding officer. The ship is scheduled for commissioning in 2006 and will be homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Other speakers for the event include Ship Systems President Phil Dur; Rear Adm. Charles S. Hamilton II, USN, PEO ships; Lt. Gen. H.P. "Pete" Osman,

USMC, deputy commandant for manpower and reserve affairs; Peter Pino, Zia Pueblo Tribal Administrator; and Ben Nighthorse Campbell, former United States senator from Colorado. Nighthorse Campbell's wife, Linda Campbell, has been selected

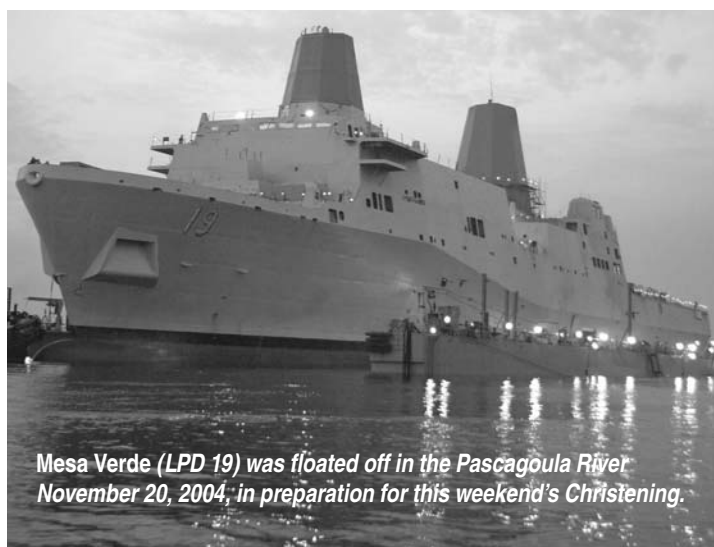
to be the ship's sponsor, and will break the traditional bottle across the bow of the ship.

In other LPD program developments, the U.S. Navy recently awarded \$166 million in additional advance procurement funding to Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, providing long-lead materials for *San Diego* (LPD 22) and *Anchorage* (LPD

23), the sixth and seventh *San Antonio* class amphibious transport dock ships. The funds will be used to purchase major equipment such as the ships' main engines, diesel generators and other long-lead material like steel plates and shapes, pipe, cable and other major equipment.

"This funding contract is another modest investment in the most critical and capable element of

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*Mesa Verde (LPD 19) was floated off in the Pascagoula River November 20, 2004, in preparation for this weekend's Christening.*

## "NGSS News" is now "Centerline"

Many of you may have noticed the fresh new look and name of this publication that was introduced last week. The new name, "Centerline," is derived from a well-known naval architectural term that is an integral part of our core business. In shipbuilding, all elements are designed and built upon a foundation from the center outward – the centerline. The centerline is the core vector of any ship design, and as such, is a highly appropriate name for this publication. The drafting symbol, (insert the actual drafting symbol)

CL, which depicts this term on engineering drawings, was incorporated into the new masthead for the newsletter.

Your weekly newsletter will continue to bring you all the news and features that, like the centerline of a ship, set the tone for where we are going by looking at who we are every day. Do you have a story that you want to tell? Do you work with a shipbuilder or a team that is at the top of their game? Let us know. Call the Avondale communications department, ext. 5232.

# Rideout receives IT Leader honor

Jan Rideout, vice president and chief information officer of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems has been recognized by International Data Group's Computerworld magazine as one of the business world's Premier 100 IT Leaders. The award honors executives who show exemplary technology leadership in resolving pressing business problems.

Honorees were named and profiled in the January 3, 2005 issue of Computerworld, and will be recognized at Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders Conference, March 6-8, 2005, at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Rideout was selected from nearly 600 nominees, who were measured against Computerworld's IT Leadership Index, a set of characteristics that describes executives who guide the effective use of IT in their organizations, and evaluated by the editors and by an external panel of judges.

"It is always an honor to be recognized among your peers," Rideout said. "But more importantly, I think this is an excellent opportunity to show our customers, and our potential customers, that Northrop Grumman is committed to the highest quality in every aspect of our business."

In her role, Rideout is accountable for IT planning, budgeting and execution within Ship Systems.

Rideout's 21-year career with Northrop Grumman



**Jan Rideout**  
**Vice President and Chief Information Officer**

is highlighted by a multi-year IT systems consolidation program; conversion of three separate business areas to a common procurement system; implementation of a common human resources system; and leadership over the company's year 2000 preparations. She has also met employees' needs by securing the necessary IT equipment to help them better serve customers.

The complete list of Premier 100 IT Leaders can be found in the January 3, 2005 issue of Computerworld and online at [www.computerworld.com/p1002005](http://www.computerworld.com/p1002005).

## Please respond to Quality & Process Improvement survey

Many NGSS employees recently received a Quality & Process Improvement (Q/PI) survey in their home mail over the holidays. We realize that the holiday season for many was full of travel, family get-togethers, and other distractions, and many of you may have set aside the survey to complete at a later time. But this survey is very important to our sector in assessing the progress we have made with these valuable Q/PI initiatives. The men and women of Ship Systems are our best source of information, and because we value your input, we are asking your opinion on a few Q/PI subjects in this survey. NGSS President Phil Dur is encouraging employee support and response to this survey. It is important for valid study results that as many employees complete the survey as possible.

In the event you have not done so already, please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey and mail it back in the self-addressed, stamped envelope that was provided with the mailed survey. The survey is completely anonymous, so please be honest in your responses. If you did not receive a survey in your home mail, or have misplaced it, you can obtain another one from the communications department. Simply drop by the communications department in the Admin. 1 Building. Once you have completed the survey, either return it to the communications department or mail it to the return address provided with the survey. Thank you very much for your cooperation and support of this important sector initiative.

A Message from Phil Dur

# "Commitment to Diversity"



My Fellow Shipbuilders:

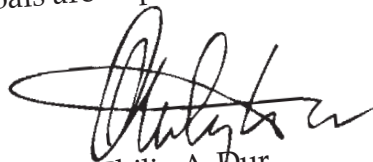
How can today's managers and supervisors create productive workplaces, maximize the potential of their workers, and build relationships that establish a climate of mutual respect?

By leading effectively and changing the organizational culture to support "Diversity," leaders provide vision and direction, inspire their colleagues and employees, and are accountable for the choices made and the actions taken by their organizations. As President of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, I am committed to equal opportunity and improving the diversity reflected in our management team. Our commitment is real. It is not a "nice to have" goal or a check list item. It is about recognizing people as individuals and providing active sponsorship of people with demonstrated ability and proven performance. It means advocacy and ensuring that the company's processes work for all and that they are inclusive. Most importantly, as leaders we must take up this task ourselves. Diversity can't be delegated.

To better communicate our policies and practices, we have devised a Sector Diversity team: George R. Yount, Vice President of Sector Operations and Diversity Champion, James G. Cassady, Vice President of Human Resources and Administration, Dr. Larry E. Crane, Director of Training, Workforce Development and Diversity, and Toni A. Goff, Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

The Diversity and Equal Opportunity Officer is responsible to me for the development and communication of policies, practices and activities related to Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Diversity.

I enjoin you to embrace our objectives and help me in ensuring that the corporation's policies and goals are implemented and attained in this sector.



Philip A. Dur  
President, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems



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the nation's future Expeditionary Strike capability," said Dur. "The LPD program is critical to our Navy/Marine customer and we are determined to ensure these warships are delivered to the Fleet as efficiently and productively as possible."

This contract modification provides new funding to previously announced advance procurement contracts for both ships. So far, more than \$215 million has been provided in advance procurement for LPD 22 and approximately \$207 million for LPD 23. Not only will the funding provide equipment and commodities, but also funds for Raytheon Company, the systems integrator, as well as funding for planning, material requisitioning and program management man-hours.

## MARKETPLACE

### AUTOS/TRUCKS/TRAILERS/VANS

03 DODGE 1500RAM \$500 & ASSUMED NOTE 475-9276  
03 DODGE RAM 4 DR HEMI PAYOFF 872-8237  
03 HEMI 1500 Q-CAB 21K AFT/6 PM 826-1141  
03 NISSAN XTERRA 15K MI 588-6740  
02 FORD TAURUS ASKING PAYOFF \$10703  
02 HONDA CIVIC LX 38K MI 588-0534/938-6428  
02 NISSAN SENTRA GXE 30+ MPG \$9500 875-2282  
01 TOYOTA TACOMA 4WD V6 X-CAB 218-1090  
00 CHEVY ASTRO VAN EX COND 875-6178 AFT/6  
00 GMC X-CAB SLT LOADED \$12200 392-3502  
00 GMC Z71 SLT 80K MI \$16500 217-4182  
00 TOYOTA 4-RUN 65K MI 769-9098 AFT/5  
00 SUZUKI ESTEEM GRT WORK CAR \$3700 588-6740  
99 ACCURA 2.3 CL LEATHER \$8900 547-5513  
99 CHEVY EXP CLASSIC CONV \$12500 497-3590  
98 DODGE STRATUS \$3200 601-947-4692  
98 MAZDA MILLENNIA 88K MI \$5000/OBO 327-2571  
98 EXPLORER EB 90K MI \$7000/OBO 497-4107  
97 CHEVY LUMINA LS 147K MI \$2200 896-0849  
97 JEEP CHEROKEE AT/PS GOOD COND \$4995 475-5487  
96 BONNEVILLE SSEI 84K MI \$4000 762-7600/762-6018  
96 CHEVY SILVERADO KING CAB 588-6176  
96 FORD F250 X-CAB TRK 128K MI 826-5661/861-9681  
95 TOYOTA SR5 132K MI 2WD V6 \$6295 251-635-1841  
92 NISSAN MAXIMA \$4000 588-3287/935-5129  
92 T-BIRD NICE SHAPE \$1800/OBO 475-3790  
89 BRONCO II \$1000 218-0973  
89 MERCURY COUGAR \$900 900-4239  
86 S15 P/U GMC \$1500 588-3287/935-5129  
82 CHEVY 1 TON 3 AXLE W/TLR \$4500 947-6281  
85 C10 FULL SZ VAN 305 V8-PASSENGER 392-6789  
66 FORD FAIRLANE FOR PARTS 289 769-9090  
77 LAYTON 8'X23' TRLR \$3500/OBO 601 947-4706  
90 CADDY AS IS OR MOTOR/TRANS 474-9328  
97 FLEETWOOD 16X80 3BR/2BA PAYOFF 990-3056  
DIESEL TRACTOR 155 YANMAR \$1600 251-366-0717  
04 ROCKY TOP TRLR WORK NICE \$5000 826-4252  
99 IMPERIAL 40' RV 350 DIESEL PUSHER 588-3366

### ANIMALS

CHIHAUAHUA/POODLE MIXED PUPPIES 396-1099  
CKC REG MINATURE PINSCHERS \$250 601-947-4692  
GUINEA PIG/W/AGE STAND/BALL \$75 251-865-3366  
HORSES FOR SALE \$400 EA 475-1965  
LARGE BOA CONSTRICTOR 588-0534/938-6428

MINIATURE PINSCHER F/PUP 4 MTHS \$300 475-3652  
PIT BULL MALE 10 MTH 696-9128 LEAVE MESSAGE

### BOATS/MOTORS

14 FB GLASS BOAT/TRLR 40 HP JHNSN \$650 475-5662  
19 HYDRSPORT 01 EVNTRLR \$9500/OBO 238-2282  
98 TROPHY 19'W/115 MERCURY \$14000 826-4252

### FURNITURE/APPLIANCES

3 PC SOLID OAK LIVING RM TABLE SET \$200 806-5690  
CHINA CABINET OAK GLASS/MIRROR 875-6178 AFT/6  
DRYER GAS \$50 497-0751  
WIDE WOODEN OFFICE DESK 769-9090  
ANTIQUE FURNITURE 769-9090  
FROST FREE REFRIG 16.5 CU FT \$200 217-3171  
SECT/DNG RM/COMP DESK/ENT CTR 235-6084  
KENMORE DRYER \$50 588-1261  
KENMORE SS DROP-IN STOVE \$300 249-6623  
METAL RACK ENTERTAIN CENTER \$20 235-4929  
MICROWAVE \$25 497-6845  
WHITE SOFA 2 WIND CHAIRS \$500 475-5487  
SOFA/LOVESEAT \$350 475-5487  
SOFA/LOVE SEAT \$250 872-8150  
SOLID OAK ROUND TABLE 2/4 CHRS \$150 497-6845  
STOVE GAS \$50 497-0751  
BLUE BASINET \$50 475-5487  
BUNK BEDS LINENS \$100 826-3778 AFT/5

### PROPERTY FOR SALE

2 LOTS CORNER MACHELAN/HUBERT MP 475-1293  
3BR 2 ACRES THEODORE \$164900 251-665-4663  
3BR/2BA 1/2 ACRE LOT ECSD 1354 SF 474-2273 AFT/5/30  
3BR/2BA BRICK/GARAGE GAUTIER 522-0999  
4BR/2BA CONTEMP BRK SIDING 2100 SQ FT  
4 ACRES HICKORY HILL \$165000 762-6897  
3BR/1.5BA 1400 SF GAUTIER \$57000 249-6256  
3BR/1BA 1000 SF GAUTIER \$55000 249-6256  
3BR/2.5BA/GARAGE/LG ROOMS/YARD 872-1391  
3BR/1BA NW MOSS POINT 762-5053  
CUSTOM BUILT HOUSE LATIMER AREA  
3000 SF 4.5 ACRES 396-2693  
MOBILE HOME 16X80 3BR/2BA 601-947-3600

### PROPERTY FOR RENT

1BR/1BA LARGE FENCED YD \$400/\$200 623-2888  
2BR UNFURN W/APPL HWY 63 WAVE 588-0614  
2BR/1BA PASCAGOULA 450 MTH 762-5053

## Job openings for January 17-21, 2005

Northrop Grumman Ship Systems employees may apply for the jobs listed below at Ingalls or Avondale, Monday through Friday, January 17-21. Applications for these jobs must be received in professional employment in Pascagoula or New Orleans by noon on Friday, January 21.

Dept	Job Title	Loc	LG	#
51	Labor Cost Monitor (LCM)	NO	41	1
77	Admin Aide	Pasc.	14	1

2BR/1BA, PASC NEAR BEACH \$425 MTH 762-5341  
3BR/1BA BRICK C/H/A \$595 MONTH 762-9692  
3BR/1.5BA DEN/FENCED YD \$500/MTH 202-0534  
3BR/2BA 14X70 \$450/MTH GAUTIER AREA 392-4566  
3BR/2BA 14X70 \$550/MTH O.S. 392-4566  
3 RENTAL PROPERTIES MOSS POINT 623-2888  
HOUSE FOR RENT ADULTS ONLY 497-2422  
SINGLE/ONE CHILD MOSS POINT 475-7848  
TRAILER FOR RENT ON PRIVATE LOT 497-2422

### MISCELLANEOUS

02 KABOTA L-300 FINISH MOWER \$13500 826-4252  
1 ROCKFORD 12" HESUBWOOFER \$50 547-5513  
- 1 ACRE LOT ESCATAWPA 497-1152/219-4290  
C6 BIG BLOCK TRANSMISSION 475-1806  
52" CEILING FAN \$35 497-1003  
302 W/C4 AUTO TRANSMISSION 475-1806  
350 SHORT BLOCK \$175 475-7873  
A/C P/S MUST SEE \$11000/OBO 826-5661/861-9681  
ALPINE 2 CHAMPLIFER 700W/MRV-1005 \$190 547-5513  
BIRDS SUPPLIES VITS/TOYS/SEEDS ECT 474-9328  
CALLOWAY ERC FUSION 9" DRIVER \$225 769-9245  
CAMARO/FIREBIRD STRUT TWR BRACE \$150 475-7873  
CHEVY 882 HEADS \$125 475-7873  
CUSTOM TRUCK SEAT TAN EXC COND \$200 235-4929  
DISHES 10 PC PLACE SETTING LIKE NEW \$25 235-4929  
DSKTP HP/1GHZ/DVD BURNER/LOADED \$500 712-2493  
DSKTP HP/1GHZ/DVD PLAYER/LOADED \$450 712-2493  
F/G CAMPER SHELL FOR L/W/B TRUCK \$450 947-6281  
- GOLF CLUBS PING-EYE \$250 497-1152/219-4290  
HEAVY DUTY TOW HITCH W/SWAY BARS 475-1806  
JOHNSON TROLLING MTR \$100 588-3287/935-5129  
KURZWELL RG100SE DIGITAL PIANO \$600 872-8316  
LPTP TX INSTRUM/WIN 98/\$60 712-2493  
LPTP GTWY/200MHZ/5GB/BURNER/\$200 712-2493  
- 5" MARBLE VANITY 2 EA \$100 601-947-3600  
MOPEX DRUM 5 PIECE SET 872-6393  
MTR/TRANSMISSION \$500 01 MAZDA 626 990-3566  
PAGEANT DRESSES FOR RENT 990-5300/588-2626  
PAGEANT DRESSES SIZES 2-10 588-2792  
PEAVEY 18" SUBS EXC COND \$400/PR 497-1621  
PIONEER DEH-P9200R CD PLAYER GRT \$150 547-5513  
PONDEROSA WOOD FIREPLACE \$200 947-7697  
ROGERS DRUM 7 PIECE SET 872-6393  
ROLL CARPET 16X45 PLUS PADDING \$150 601-947-3600  
TRAILER HITCH FOR 88-94 BLAZER \$75 475-7873  
6-SPD HI-LO SNAPPER RIDER \$125 475-7873  
TURBO 400 REBUILT TRANSMISSION \$400 475-7873

UTILITY SHED WOOD \$600 U-MOVE 218-6945  
WEDDING DECOS/ARCH MAGAZINE 497-6845  
WEIGHT GYM \$150 497-6845  
WOODEN BOOK CASE \$15 497-1003

### MOTORCYCLES/BIKES

02 HARLEY DAVIDSON 13.5K MI \$17500 818-9528  
03 HARLEY DAVIDSON 7K MI \$13500 818-9528  
04 SUZUKI 250 QUADSPORT \$2900 424-5530  
43 CC RAZORBACK GAS SCOOTER \$150/OBO 497-6084  
ELECTRIC SCOOTER \$75 497-1003  
MEN 27" MONGOOSE BIKE 21 SP \$75 497-5744

### SERVICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABYSITTING IN MY HOME 497-3848 AFT/4  
CATERING FOR 100 OR MORE 762-6762  
CMPTR CNSLT REPAIRS/UPGRADES 712-2493  
DJ/KARAOKE SERVICES ALL OCCASIONS 218-4514  
FAST TAX REFUNDS 432-8795  
- FOR SALE 1 WK TIME SHARE CROSSVILLE TENN  
SLEEPS SIX 2/BR 1ST WK IN JANUARY, \$600 PLUS  
MAINTENANCE FEE  
KENMORE WASHER NEEDS REPAIR 588-1261  
NEED BASS GUITARIST/ROCK 872-6393  
- GARAGE SALE 1/15 7 TIL 12 11504 MAIN ST  
VANCE LEAVE RIGHT BEHIND FOOD TIGER 424-3083  
QUALITY HOUSE CLEANING 474-9328  
REAL ESTATE SERVICES BUYING/SELLING 806-0764  
- WEDDING LEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHY REASONABLE  
475-6873/588-9327

### LOST/FOUND

- PAIR OF PRESCRIPTION SAFETY GLASSES  
GIRAFFE PATTERN FRAMES NEAR THE  
STERN END OF LPD-19. CALL X3166 OR SEE  
ARTEZA IN THE SHIP'S MANAGEMENT TRAILER,  
FLIGHT DECK OF LPD-19

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE ALEXANDER FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
EVERYONE FOR THE LOVE, SUPPORT AND KINDNESS  
SHOWN DURING THE LOSS OF OUR BELOVED  
DAUGHTER TAMMY.

GARY AND GLORIA ALEXANDER

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